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Let Aides Testify, Ben Barka Family Asks De Gaulle

PARIS (AP)—Lawyers for the family of kidnaped Moroccan opposition leader Medhi Ben Barka today asked President Charles de Gaulle to permit the French premier and interior minister to testify in the trial of Ben Barka's alleged abductors.

As today's session of the 3-week-old trial opened it was announced that the lawyers had appealed to De Gaulle by letter to authorize Premier Georges Pompidou and Interior Minister Roger Frey to take the stand.

The lawyers recalled an unsuccessful attempt to have them called as witnesses and said that they now believe there is a new element in the case which should permit their appearance.

They said that during the past week police officials had termed the measures taken after the kidnaping of Ben Barka "acts of the government."

Ben Barka was kidnaped from a Left Bank street nearly a year ago and the case immediately took on political proportions.

Several police and secret service officials allegedly were involved and De Gaulle pinned the major blame for the kidnaping on Moroccan Interior Minister Mohamed Oufkir. De Gaulle personally ordered an investigation to get to the bottom of the affair.